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### THIS BOOK

The Golden Gems of Penmanship and Self-Instructor is universally acknowledged by expert penman, writing teachers in business colleges, and by men of learning and the best judges everywhere, to be the greatest means ever known for learning to write an elegant hand; everybody, everywhere, all acknowledge this work to be the greatest means ever known for learning to do pen-drawing and flourishing and all kinds of the most beautiful ornamental pen-work.

### How We Came To Publish THE GOLDEN GEMS of PENMANSHIP and SELF-INSTRUCTOR.

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### THE PHOTO-ELECTROGRAPHING PROCESS.

When we first perfected the photo-electrographing process for reproducing real pen-work, we realized we had found a means for publishing the greatest book on penmanship ever conceived of.

We resolved to collect all the best specimens of pen-work by all the best and most skillful penmen and pen artists in the whole world, no matter what they might cost, and to publish a work on penmanship that everybody would want. and as all the copies in the book would be real pen-work instead of engraved work, we realized that we could publish the most perfect self-instructor ever known. We have spared no expense to employ the very best penmen and And you will see a greater variety, and more styles of eleteachers of penmanship throughout the world, to set all the gant writing, and more designs of beautiful flourishing and Golden Gems of Penmanship and Self-Instructor.

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### THE BEST OF ALL

that was ever thought of by all the very best writers and penmen who ever lived, to make it easy to learn to write, to learn all the different and most beautiful styles of elegant writing and ornamental penmanship, is contained in the Golden Gems of Penmanship and Self-Instructor. It is full of the prettiest things ever done with a pen. Full of perfect real written copies, and it contains full and complete instructions for learning the whole art of penmanship without a teacher.

### IT TEACHES AND SHOWS YOU

just how to go to work to learn to write nicely, and just how to make everything that can be thought or conceived of fected a new and ingenious electrical process, which we call that is beautiful or desirable to do with a pen. Everything photo-electrographing, by which process, all kinds of writing is made so plain and simple and easy, that no one can fail to understand it all, and no one can fail to learn to write an elegant hand from the Golden Gems, in a very short time, if he will only try. Nothing has been neglected. Everything is explained in such a plain and simple way, that no one can fail to understand it all. As strange as it may seem, any one, young or old, even the dullest scholar, if he will try, can learn from the Golden Gems to write an elegant hand in only a few weeks.

### THE GOLDEN GEMS.

The Golden Gems is not a collection of hard, engraved copies, which no one ever did or could ever learn to do with a pen, but the whole book is all real pen-work. All the copies and all the writing and ornamental work in the whole book is all real pen-work just as it was executed with a pen, and then photo-electrographed.

### LOOK THE GOLDEN GEMS THROUGH

The Golden Gems is complete in everything in the form

But the great secret why it is so easy to learn to write from the Golden Gems, is because everything in the whole book is so thoroughly explained that you cannot help understånding all about it. Every letter, every plain and ornamental copy, is explained by itself in such a plain and simple way that anybody who can read cannot help seeing just how to do it himself. For example, if you want to make any kind of a flourished bird, the Golden Gems shows you just how to do it. It shows you just how to begin, how to proceed and how to finish the bird; and so it is with all the plain and ornamental writing. Every copy is thoroughly explained. Nothing has been neglected. Everything that you can find in the Golden Gems of Penmanship and Self-Instructor is thoroughly explained, and made so plain, simple and easy, that you cannot possibly fail to understand it all, and you cannot fail to learn to write an elegant hand in a very short time, if you will try.

No matter how difficult, writing may naturally be to you, you can learn from the Golden Gems, in only a few weeks, to write and draw just as well as any of the specimens contained in this book, that have been inserted to show the improvement that others have made. There is no more doubt about it than there is that the sun rises and sets.

### EASY TO LEARN TO WRITE.

### THE BEAUTIFUL ART MADE EASY.

All the best copies and all the best instructions and very best methods for learning to write an elegant hand, quickly and easily, ever taught by all the very best penmen and writing teachers in business colleges and writing schools in the whole world are contained in the Golden Gems and Self-Instructor. Everything necessary to make it a very easy matter to learn to write an elegant hand is contained in the

## THE CROWN OF THORNS.

This beautiful pen-work gem is the most wonderful and marvelous piece of pen-work, and the most remarkable and extraordinary thing ever done with a pen.

It was all done with a single stroke of the pen, without lifting the pen from the paper.

The picture was commenced by placing the pen at the point to be occupied by the end of the nose, and then carrying it round and round without raising it from the paper until the picture was completed. Thus the whole picture was all done with a single stroke of the pen.

This remarkable picture was executed by W. H. Lyons, the most wonderful penman and genius in art that has ever lived; and we insert this marvelous gem, "The Crown of Thorns," to show what is possible for genius to do with a pen.

We do not insert this picture as a copy for any one to practice from or try to imitate, for no other human being except the great genius, W. H. Lyons, could probably ever learn to make this wonderful pen-work picture with a single stroke of the pen.

You can easily learn to make any other design contained in the Golden Gems in a very short time, but you could probably never learn to make such an extraordinary, marvelous and wonderful thing as this.

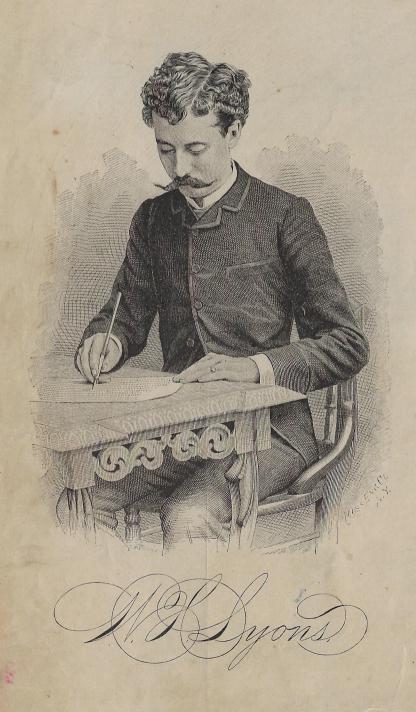
The fact that such wonders can be done, and have been done with a pen, ought to prove that any one with ordinary intelligence should be able to learn to write an elegant hand, and do nice ornamental work, at the very least, with such copies, and advantages, and instructions, as are contained in this book, which contains all the best copies and best instructions, and the best of everything to make it easy to learn to write ever thought of by all the greatest penmen and writing teachers that have ever lived.

The great genius penman, W. H. Lyons, is constantly employed by us alone, and by no one else. He is paid an immense salary by us and he cannot be hired to do anything for any one else. Therefore, we are able to challenge the whole world on penmanship, and are able to produce better copies, and better specimens of elegant writing and ornamental work than can be produced anywhere else in the whole world. And by means of the photo-electrographing process we are able to reproduce on paper, a perfect counterpart of all kinds of pen-work, in any color, or in all colors and gold, so absolutely perfect and exact that you could not see a particle of any difference at all between one of the photo-electrographs and the original pen and ink work.

We lead the world in penmanship, and the Golden Gems is the very highest and most exalted summit of all that is good and beautiful in the art of penmanship, and the greatest means ever conceived of for learning to write an elegant hand.

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## CORRECT POSITION

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## \*WRITING.



The first and most important thing in learning to write an elegant hand is to begin by holding your pen properly and persist in it until you have formed the habit of holding it thus, and it comes easier to hold it properly than it is to hold it improperly.

The best way to hold your pen is to take it in the hand between the thumb and the first and second fingers, in such a manner that the holder shall cross the first finger just above the knuckle joint. Let the second finger drop below the first so that the holder shall cross it at the root of the nail. The third and fourth fingers should curve beneath the hand and rest upon the nails. This is the most natural method for holding the pen, for when at rest the hand invariably assumes this position.

The best position to assume at the desk is that which comes handiest. As it does not make much difference whether you sit with your right or left side to the desk, or sit fronting it squarely—only it is necessary to use a table or desk of the proper height—so that in setting at it you do not assume a cramped, bent, or unnatural position.

The height of table or desk is best, at which a person, when sitting in an erect position, with the feet placed firmly upon the floor, and the elbow on the desk, finds that his shoulder is neither elevated nor depressed.

The accompanying cut is a picture of the great champion penman, W. H. LYONS; it shows the proper position for sitting at the desk and how to hold your pen, the same as assumed by the great penman himself.

With these instructions and the help of this cut you cannot fail to see how to hold your pen properly and sit correctly at the desk as well as you could be shown under the eye and personal instruction of an experienced writing teacher.

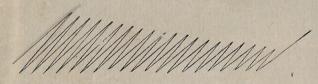
### ALL THE MOVEMENTS USED IN WRITING THOROUGHLY ILLUSTRATED AND EXPLAINED.

There are four principal movements used in writing. The *finger*, the *slide*, the *muscular* and the *whole-arm* movements.

The following exercises are arranged according to a new method, and it requires but very little practice with the help of the instructions given under each exercise to get perfect control of all the movements.

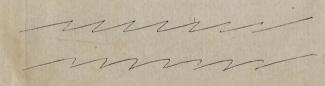
By a little practice on these exercises, it is a very easy matter to learn to write.

It is easy enough to learn to write an elegant hand if you have the proper instruction; these exercises and the following analysis of all the letters tell you all about it.



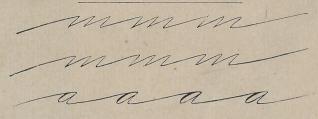
Exercise for Practice on the Finger Movement.

This movement is made by the fingers alone. It is so natural to make letters with the fingers that this movement requires but little attention.



Exercises for Practice on the Slide Movement.

This movement is a motion of the arm from the elbow without moving the joints of either the fingers or wrist. Rest the arm on the muscle near the elbow and the hand on the ends of the last two fingers.



Exercises for Practice on the Finger and Slide Movements Combined.

These are illustrations of the way in which all the short letters should be practiced. Use the slide movement as much as possible while practicing on these exercises, for you are sure to use the fingers enough.



Exercise for Practice on the Muscular Movement.

This movement is produced by rolling the arm on the muscle just below the elbow, without moving the joints of either the fingers or wrist. Move the fingers, hand and arm altogether as one. This movement is always combined with the finger movement, but it is only the muscular movement that requires attention, for the fingers will take care of themselves.



Exercise for Practice on the Finger, Slide and Muscular Movements Combined.

Make the first line with the slide movement, the body of the letter with the finger movement, then finish by throwing a curved line over and around the letter with the muscular movement.

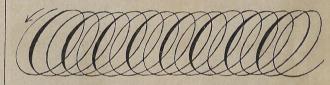


Exercises for Practice on the Finger, Slide and Muscular Movements, also Shading Exercises.



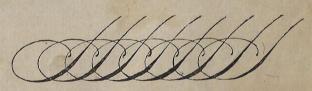
Exercises for Practice on the Finger, Slide and Whole-Arm Movements.

This is one of the very best exercises. A very little practice on this exercise will produce wonders. A person will sometimes get control of all the movements in this exercise by practicing five minutes.



Exercise for Practice on the Whole-Arm Movement.

This movement is produced by moving the whole arm from the shoulder, resting only the hand on the ends of the last two fingers. In making large flourished capitals and doing all kinds of off-hand work, this movement is the best.



Exercise for Practice on the Capital Stem.

The capital stem is the most important principle used in making capital letters, and it is one of the very best exercises for practicing on the whole-arm movement.



Exercise for Practice on Direct and Indirect Oval, also Shading Exercise.

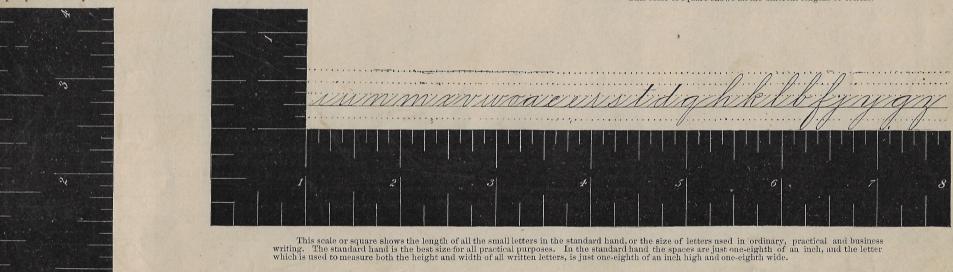
This exercise is adapted for practice on either the muscular or whole-arm movement.

## ANALYSIS.

We give on this and the following six pages a complete analysis of all the letters. Every letter of the whole alphabet is taken all to pieces, one at a time, and thoroughly analyzed and explained by itself, in such a plain and simple way, that you cannot help seeing and understanding all about it. You can see at once just how each letter is made. No one ever fails who tries to learn to write from this method. All succeed far beyond their expectations. Even the dullest scholar can learn to write well from this method in a very short time. Do not fail to study carefully the instructions given on this and the following six pages. You will be surprised that you can learn to write an elegant hand so rapidly and easily.



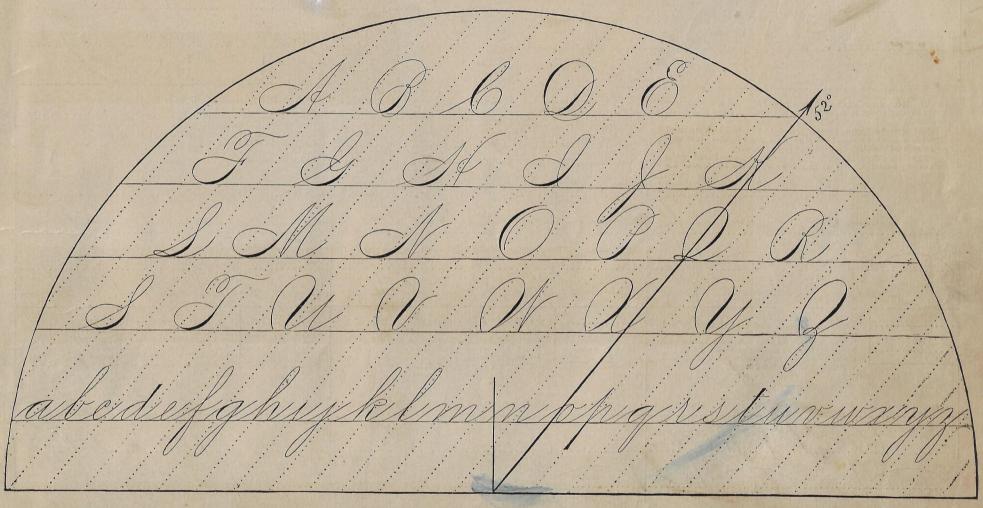
This scale or square shows all the different lengths of letters.





This scale or square shows the length of all the capital letters, which in the standard hand are all three-eighths of an inch long, except j, y and z, which are full length, or five-eighths of an inch long.

## Scale Showing How Much to Slant Letters.

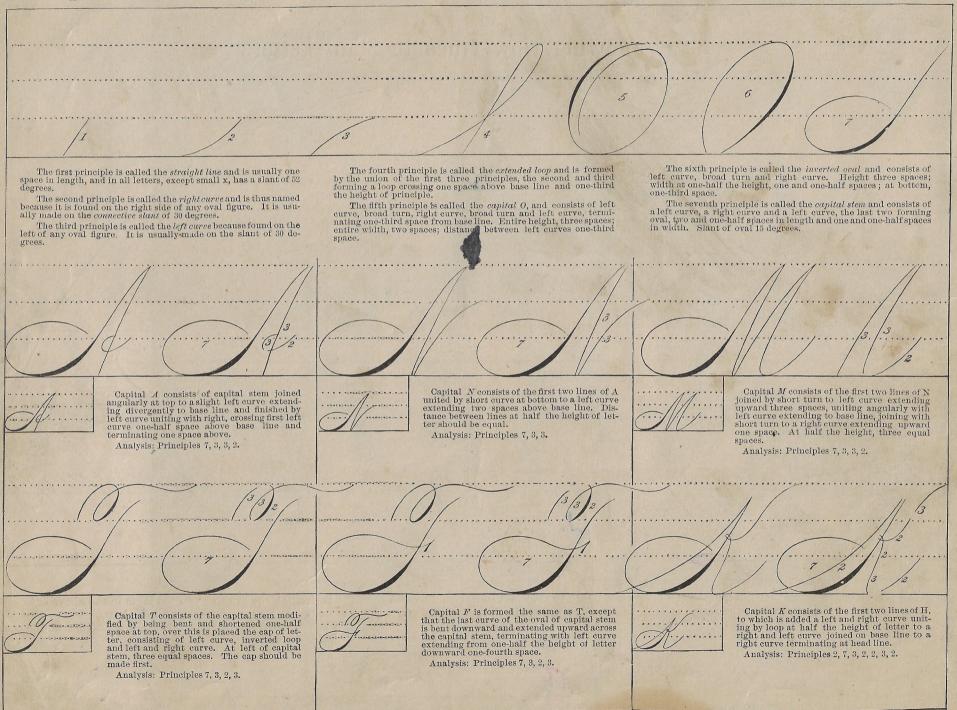


When letters are put together to make words they must all have the same slant in order to look well.

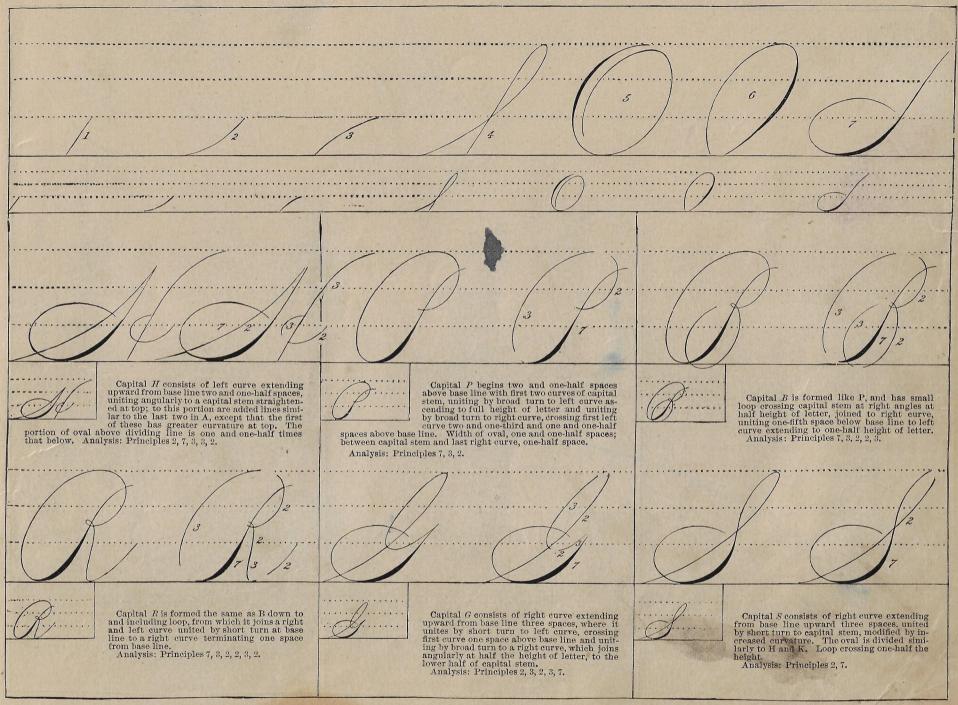
All good penmen agree that letters look the best when slanted about 52° (fifty-two degrees) from the horizontal, the same as you see them in the above cut. By comparing the letters with the scale of slant, the same as you see in the above cut, you will see at once just how much to slant all the letters.

How much to slant letters is one of the first and most important things to learn. By the use of the above cut and these instructions, it is also one of the easiest things to learn, for you can see at once, without any trouble at all, just how much to slant letters.

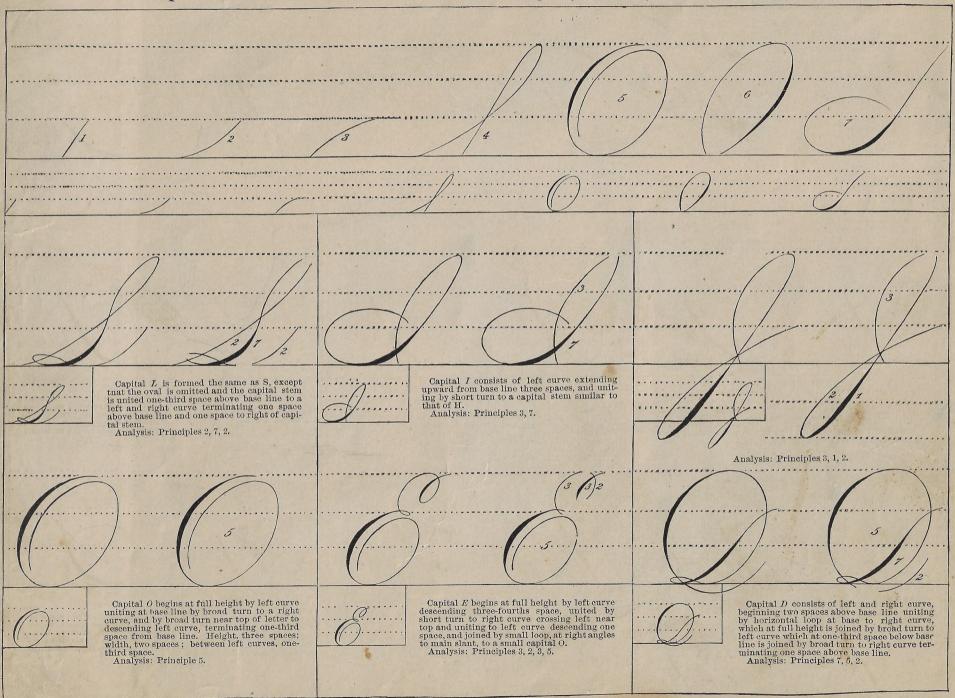
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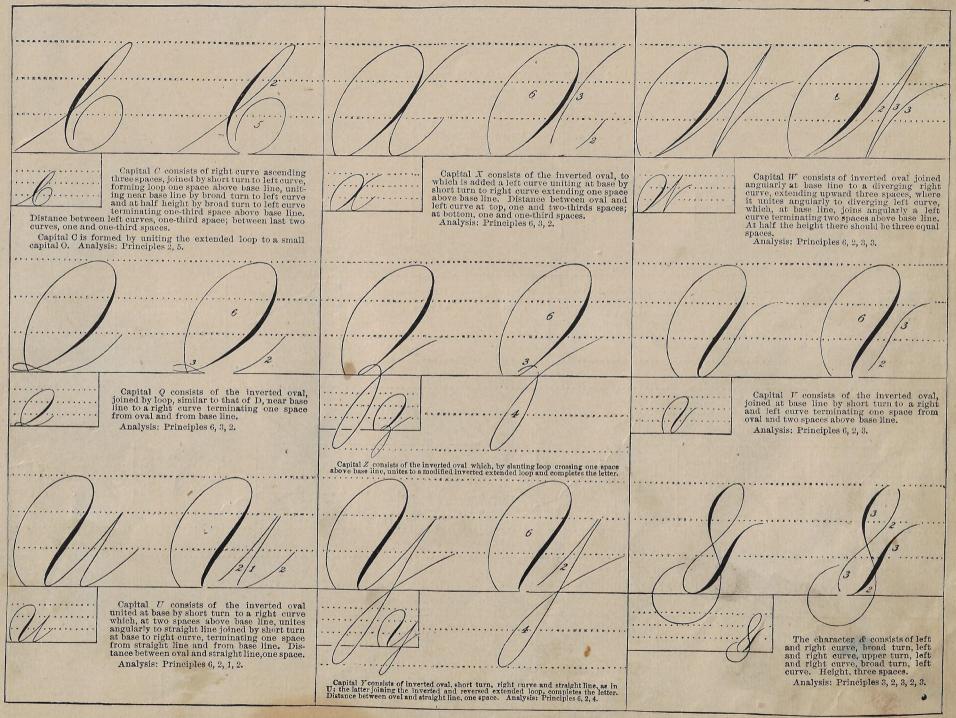
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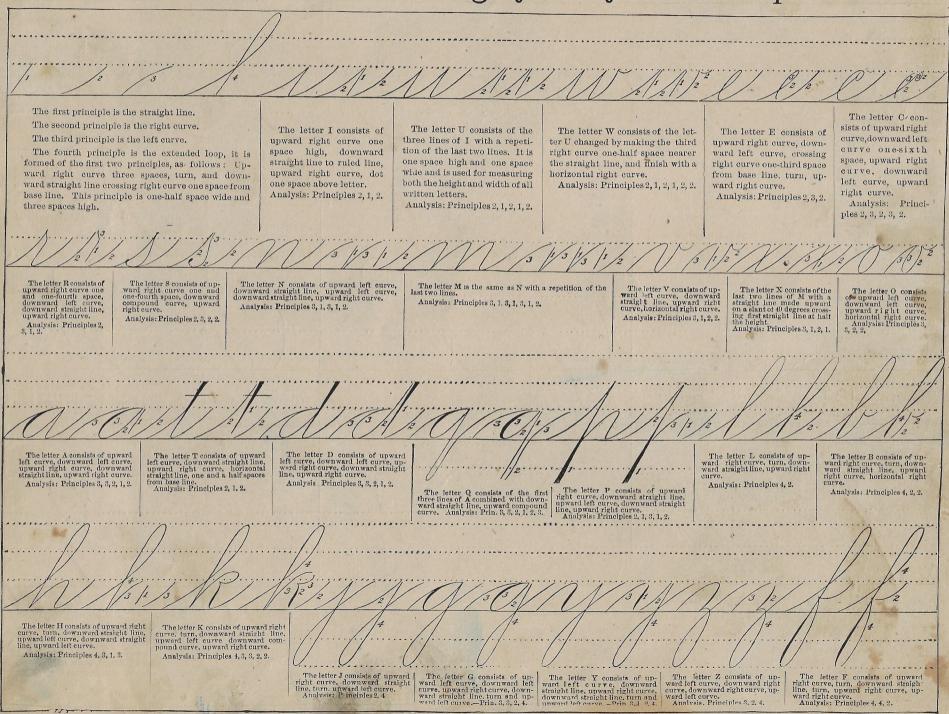
## The Capitals L, I, J, O, E and D Thoroughly Analyzed and Explained.



## The Capitals C, X, W, Q, Z, V, U, Y, and the Character & Thoroughly Analyzed and Explained.



## All the Small Letters Thoroughly Analyzed and Explained.



BUSINESS LETTERS

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REAL WRITTEN COPIES BY W. H. LYONS.

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Tems of price are deeply hidden! Neath the rugged rocks concealed: What would near come forth unbidden! To they search may be revealed!

Therse you ask this fine day, Of course Ill write you one. The task of writing finds its pay In joy and pleasure that is done!

For thee, my fair, and gentle friend.

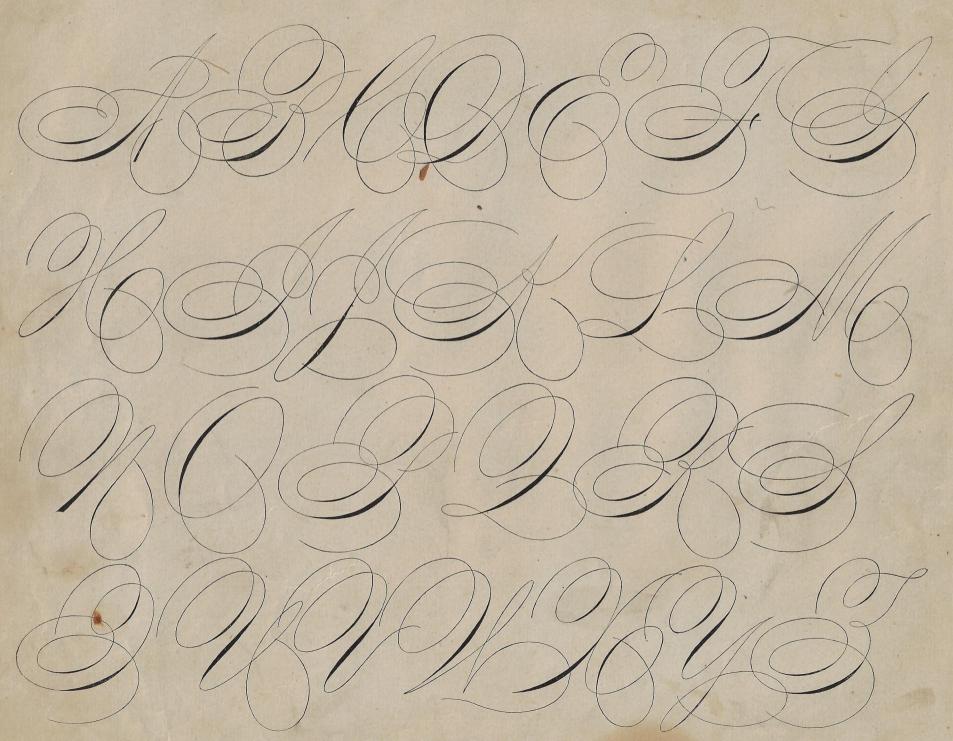
Dash not wealth or fame!

Jonly ask this path may be!

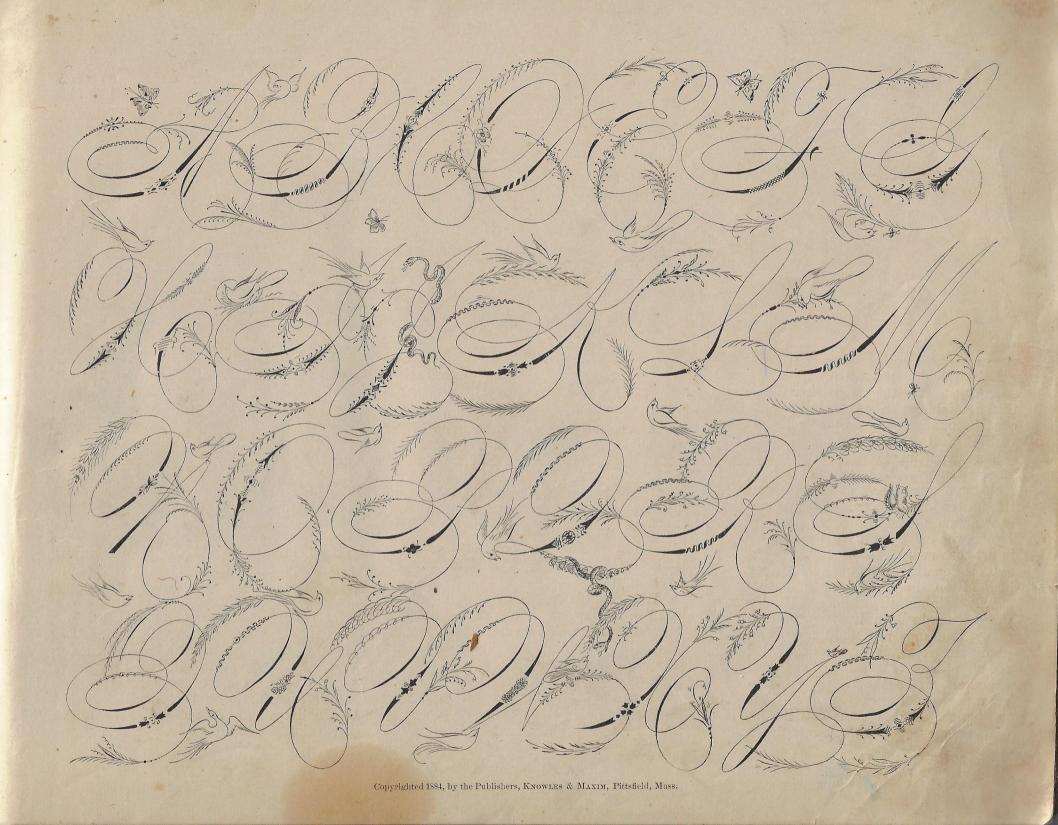
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Sailing down The stream of life of Any your little bark canoe, Carpyou have a pleasant trip, With just room Enough for two!

May Puture with her kindest smile, Wreath lawrels for this brow; Soung angels guard and keep theel Over pure as thow art now. When things don't go to suit you. And the world seems upside down! Don't waste your time in fretting. But drive away the frown!



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see a greater variety and more designs of beau-separately with a pen at great cost. tiful flourishing and ornamental pen-work, than can be found in any other collection in the world.

This department contains specimens of ornamental pen-work by nearly all the best penmen who have ever lived, and it also contains all the master-pieces and best designs and gems of ornamental penmanship executed by W. H. Lyons, the most wonderful penman and genius in art that ever existed.

This department is complete in everything in the form of ornamental penmanship.

The original drawings of the pen-work gems contained in this department cost us many thousands of dollars, and these perfect photo-electrographs of the original drawings, are so perfect and exact, that they look just are a perfect counterpart and fac-simile in every same as the original drawings. cerned, these photo-electrographs are worth the greatest penmen, pen-artists and expert learning the beautiful art yourself.

Look this department through and you will just as much as though they were each done

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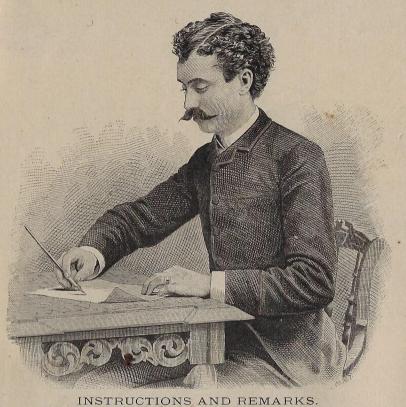
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writers all over the world, and the Golden Gems is in reality a collection of all the best things and best specimens of elegant writing and ornamental pen-work ever done by all the best penmen, everywhere, who have ever lived on the earth.

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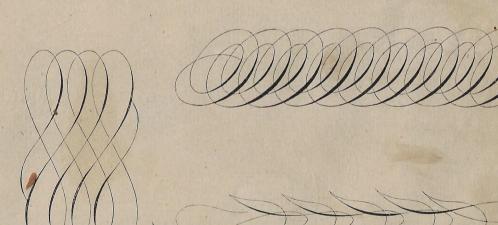
The above is a picture of W. H. Lyons, the great penman, sitting at his desk flourishing. He is the greatest and most eminent penman in the whole world. He executed all the work on this page. He flourished it all right off, in a few minutes. This portrait was taken while he was doing the work, and you can see how he sits and how he holds his pen, just the same as you could if you were in his office looking at him.

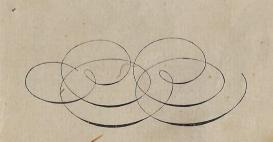
It is easy enough to do all this work if you sit and hold your pen in the right position. The above picture of W. H. Lyons shows how he sits and holds his pen, whey actually at work. You can learn to sit and hold your pen in the same position by looking at his picture, just as well as you could if you had Prof. Lyons himself right with you to show you how.

After you once get the correct position, it requires but very little practice to be able to do all this kind of work.









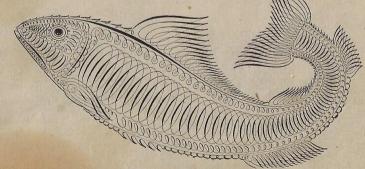
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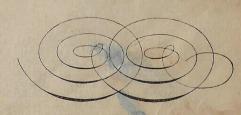
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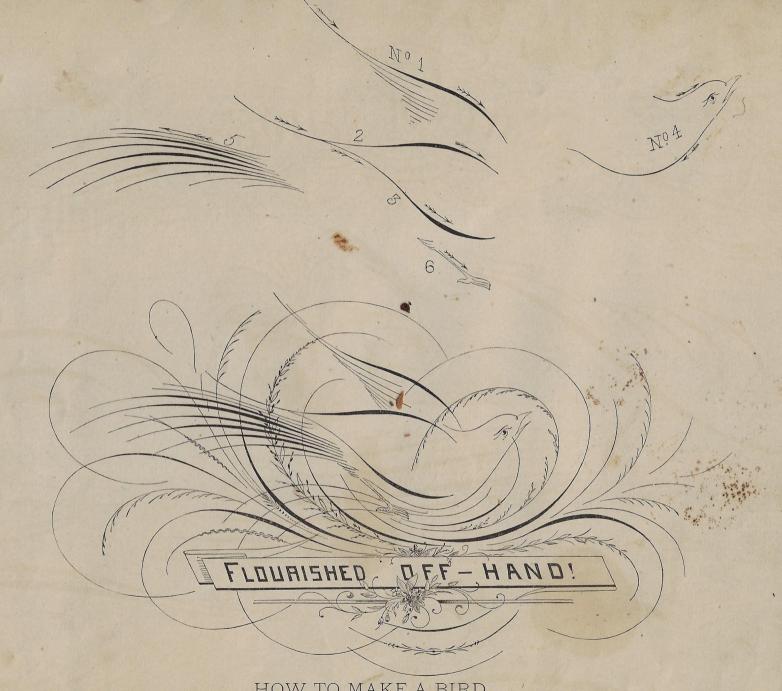
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### HOW TO MAKE A BIRD

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made on this same general plan. The above cuts are perfect photo-electrographs from the real pen-work. They were designed and flourished to show the quickest and easiest way to make an elegant flourished bird. Any one can see that it must be a very easy matter to learn to make the different parts of the above bird, and anybody can also see that it is easy to combine the different parts and so make the bird; therefore, it is very easy to make the bird. Anybody, even the dullest scholar, can make an elegant flourished bird by a little practice from the above copy. All that is necessary is to sit down and try. You will be astonished to see how easy it is.



This page shows you just how to make different kinds of birds. It shows how to begin, how to proceed, and how to finish a bird. This page was designed and executed by John D. Williams, and is the greatest means ever known for learning to make all kinds of flourished birds. Taken by permission from Williams & Packard's Gems of Penmanship. Copyrighted 1866, by Williams & Packard. These copies need no explanations, as they explain themselves. Everything is made so plain and simple, and easy to understand, that you can't help seeing just what to do, and how to make different kinds of birds without any trouble at all.



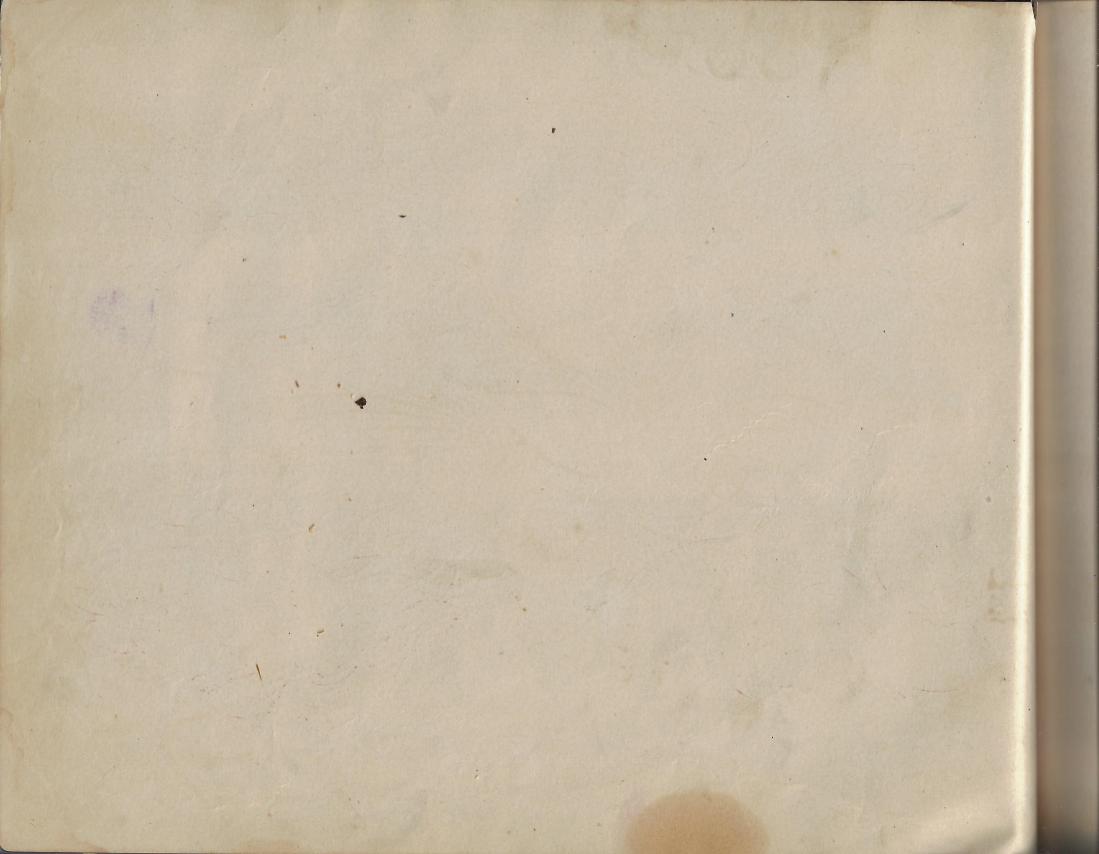
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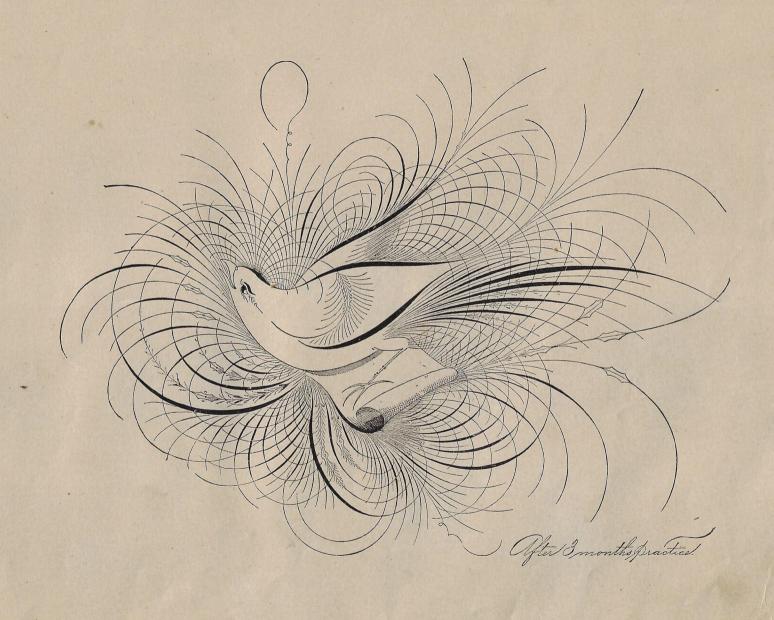
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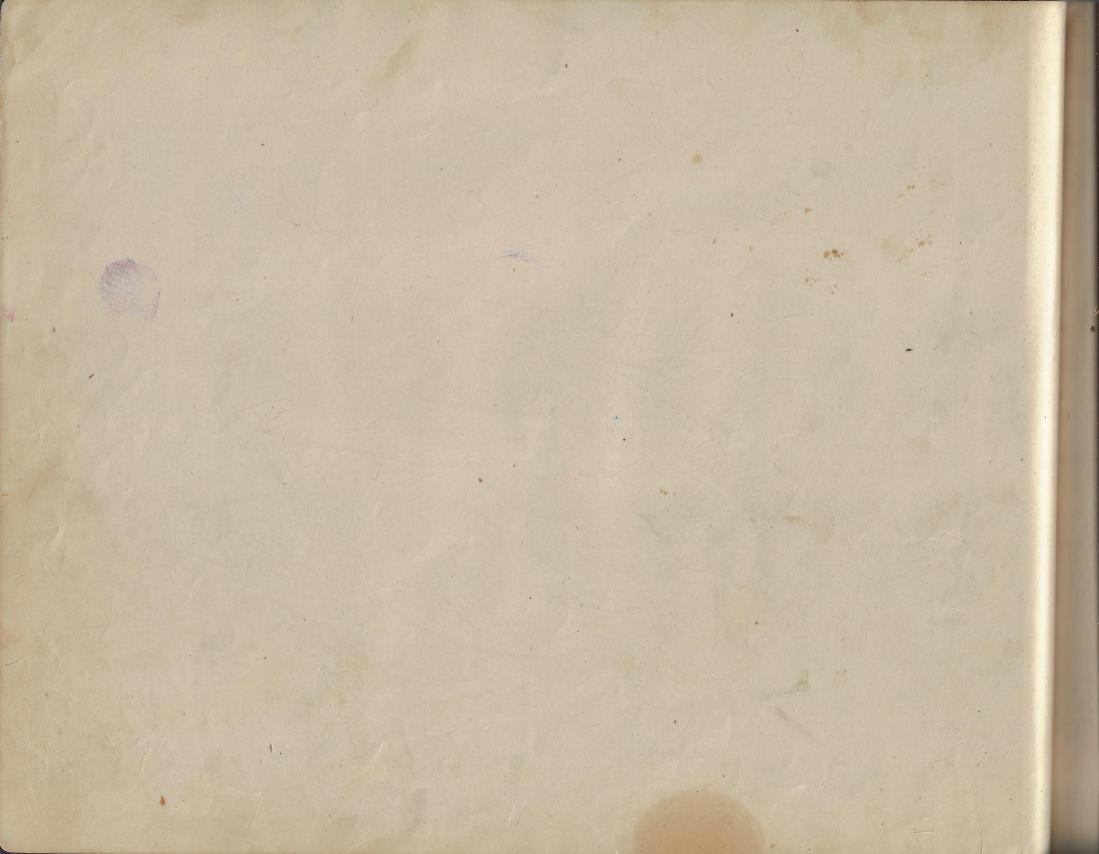
the kind of inks used by all the best writers and penmen, in all fancy writing and drawing. It requires but little practice to make any of these designs, and for an Autograph Album nothing is so pretty, or so good, as a neat, nice design like one of these. By the Tracing Process, any one can trace one of these designs and put it in an album in connection with his mame, with searcely any practice or skill as a penman. Study the Tracing Process on the last page of this book, carefully, as it is one of the greatest means ever known for doing all kinds of pen drawing.



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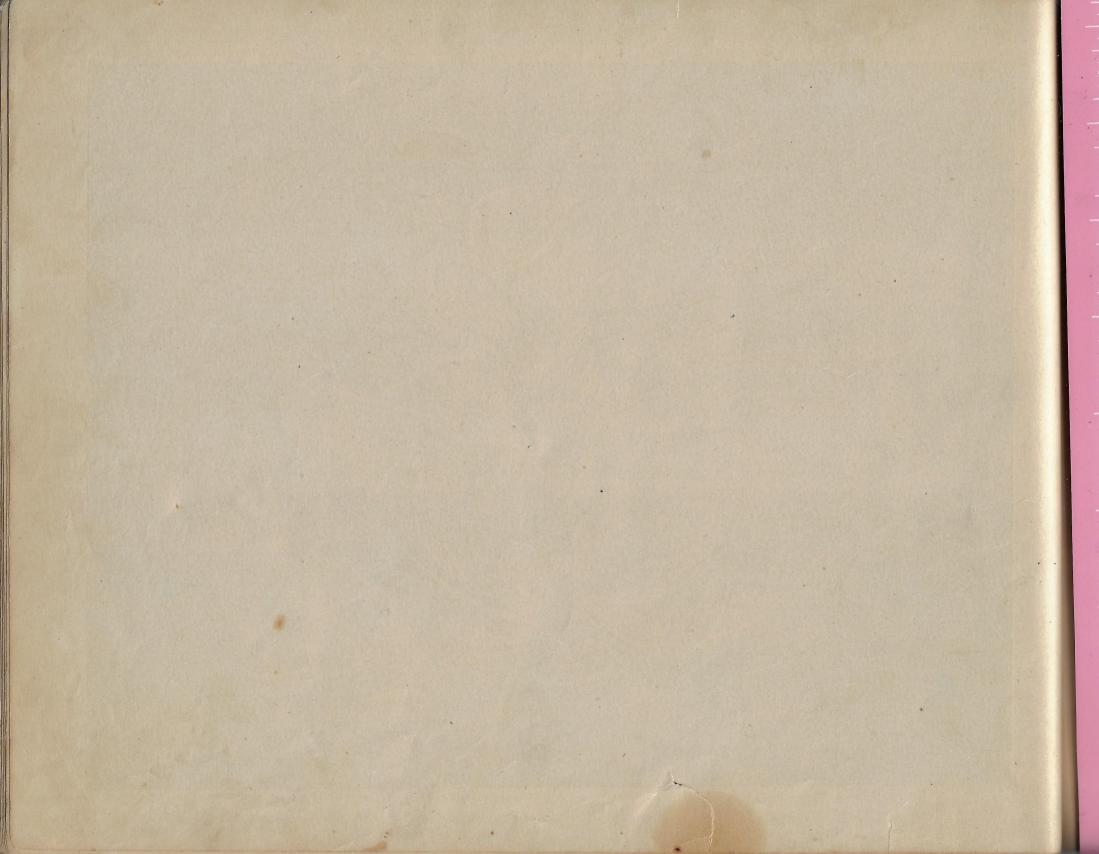




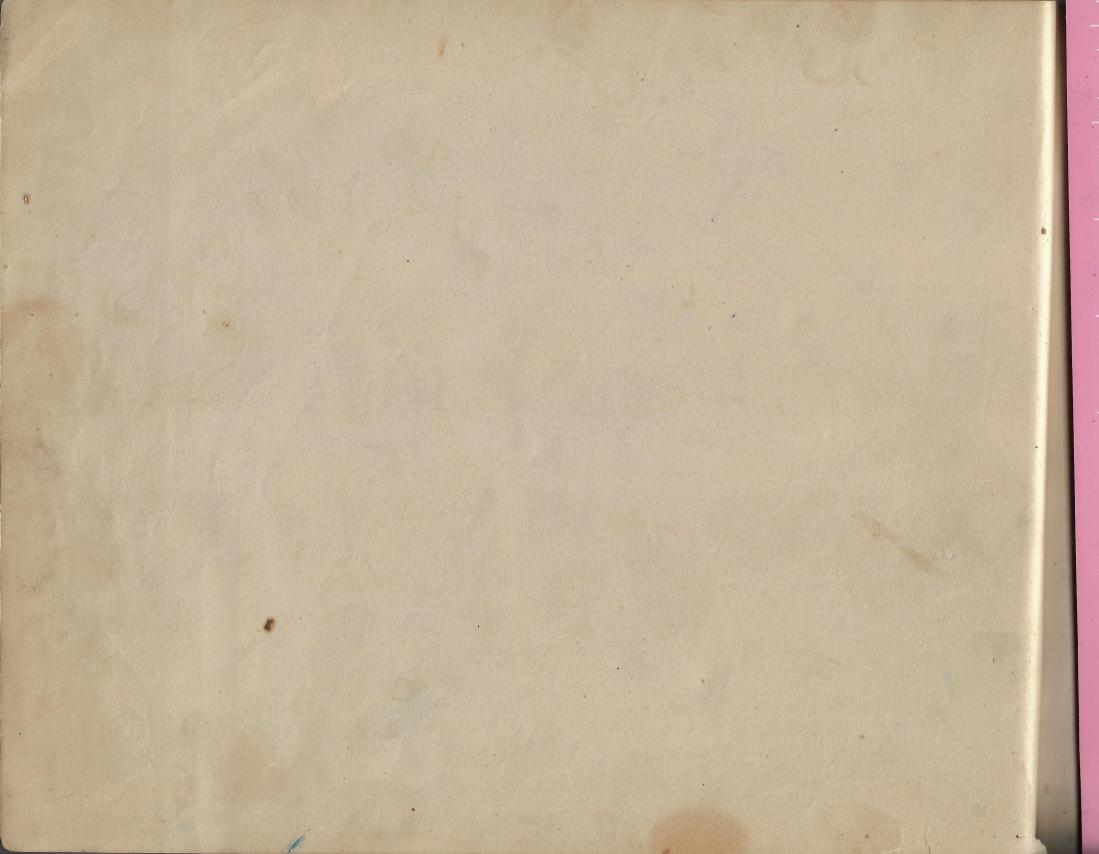














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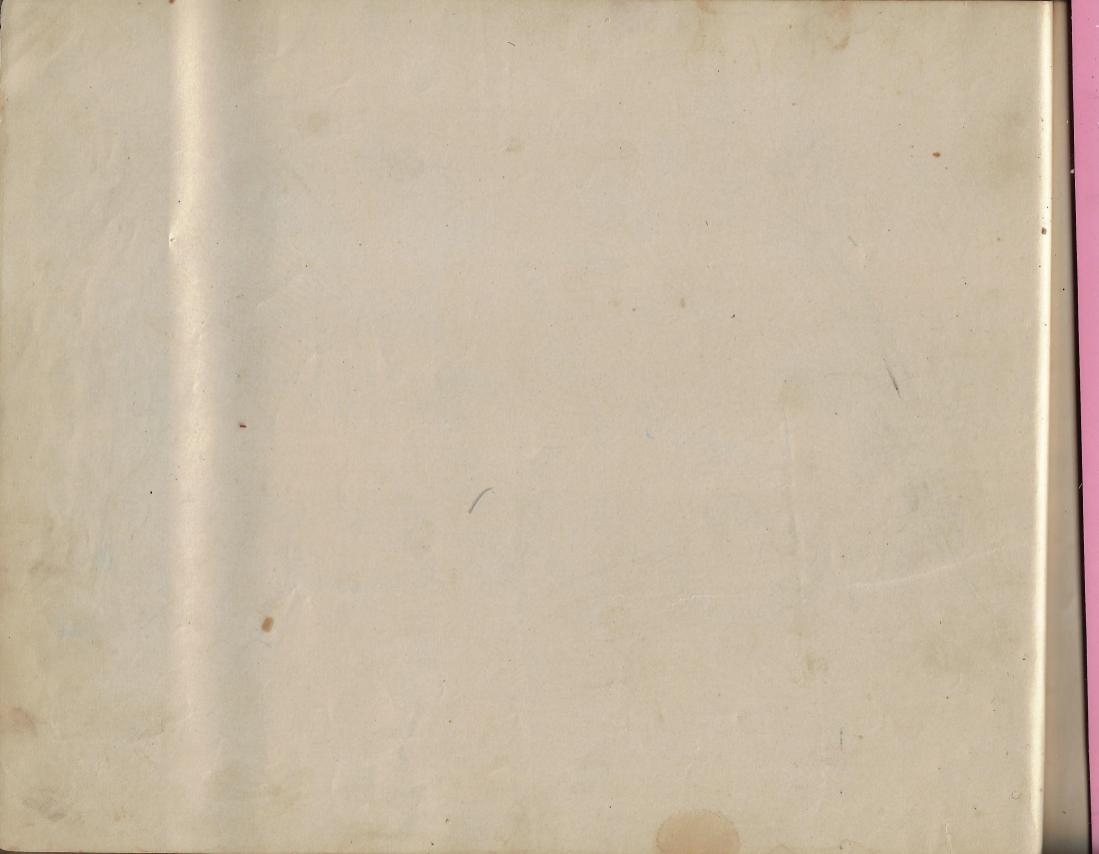
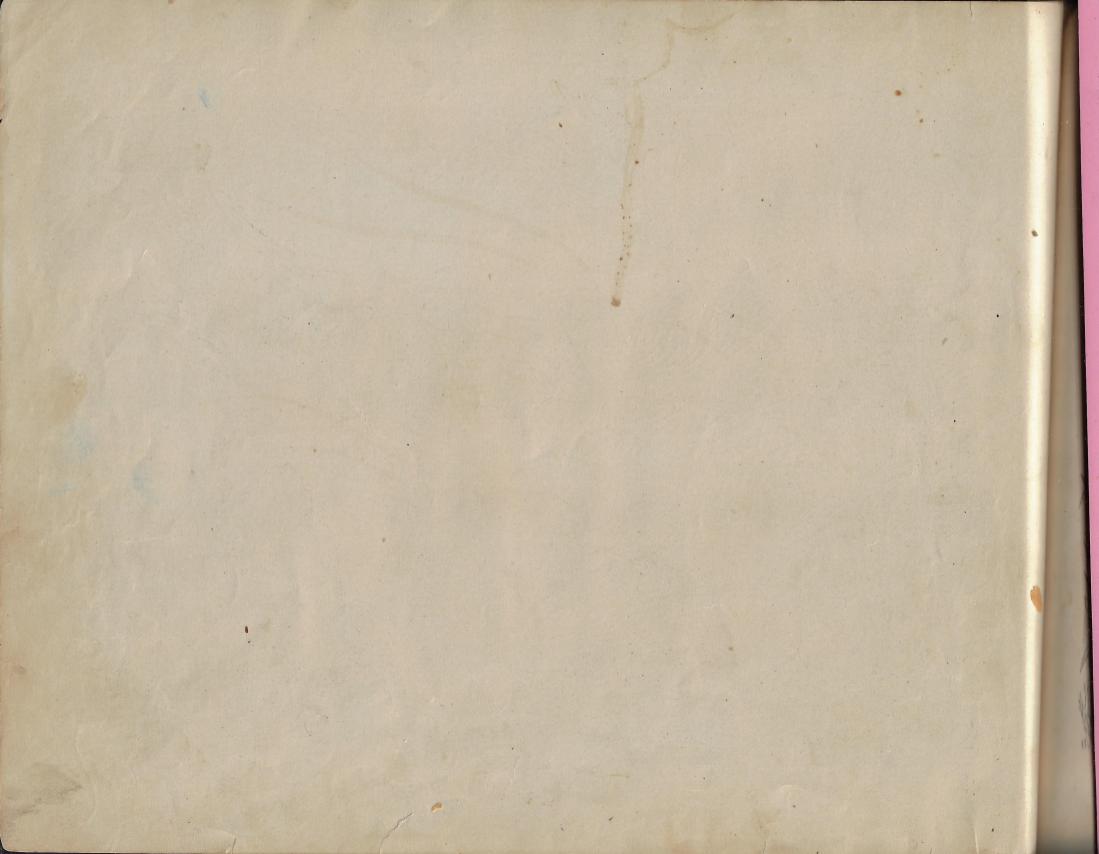


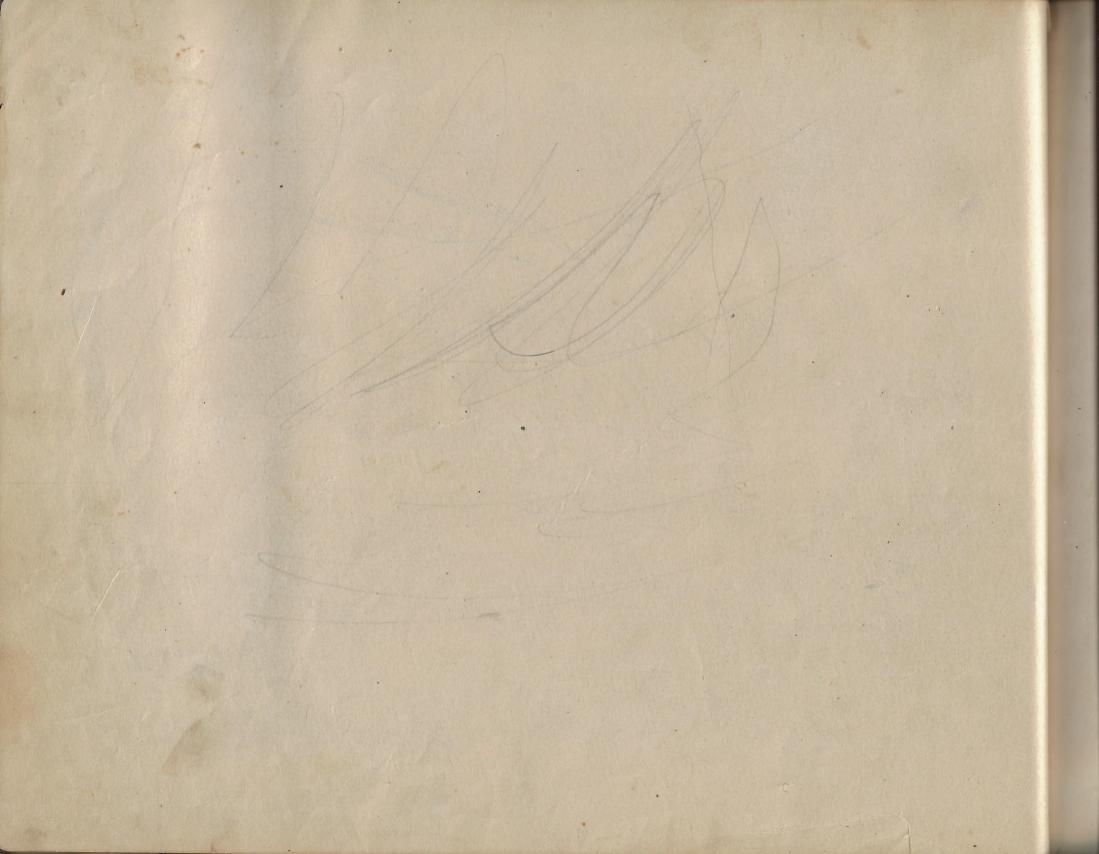


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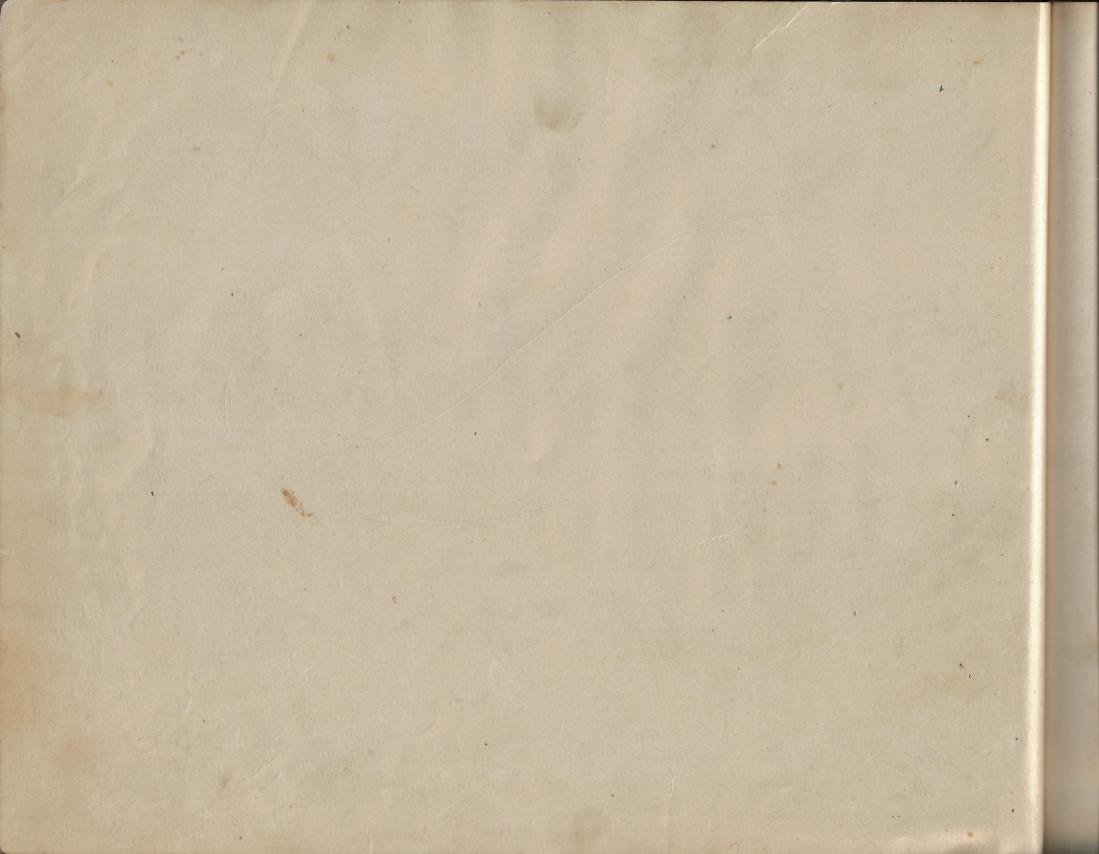


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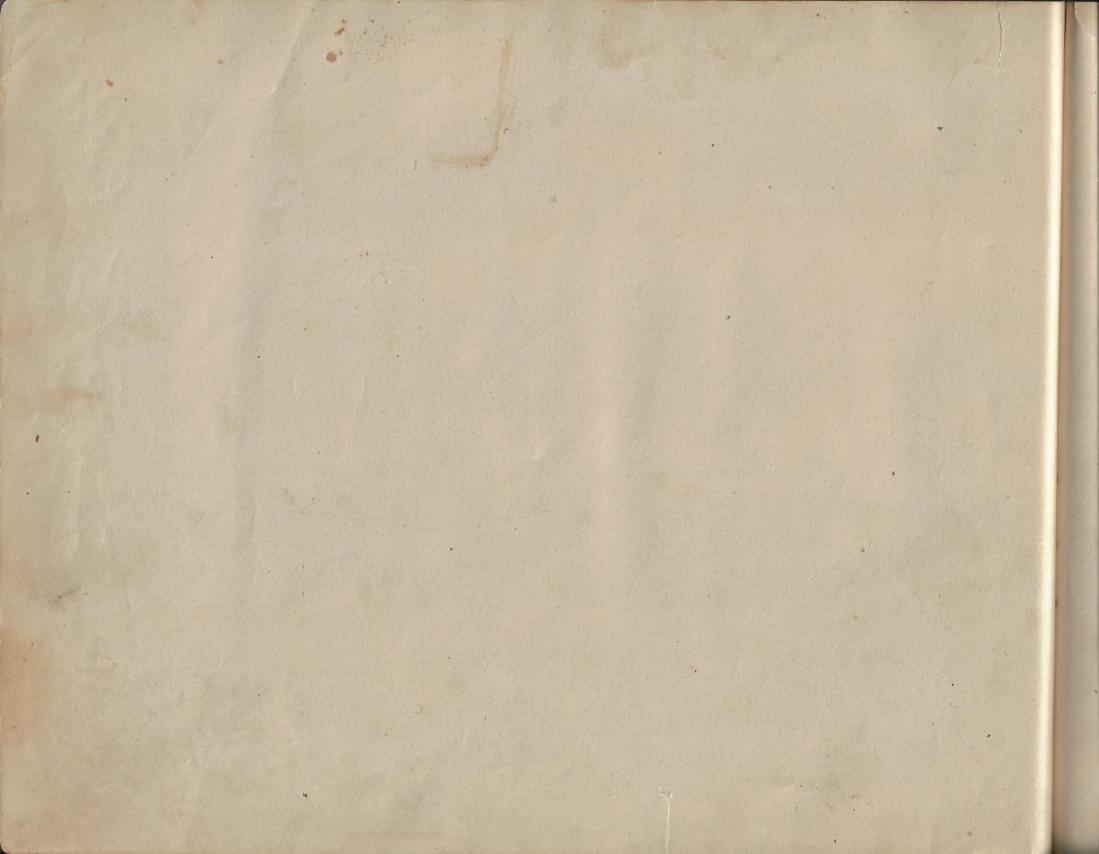
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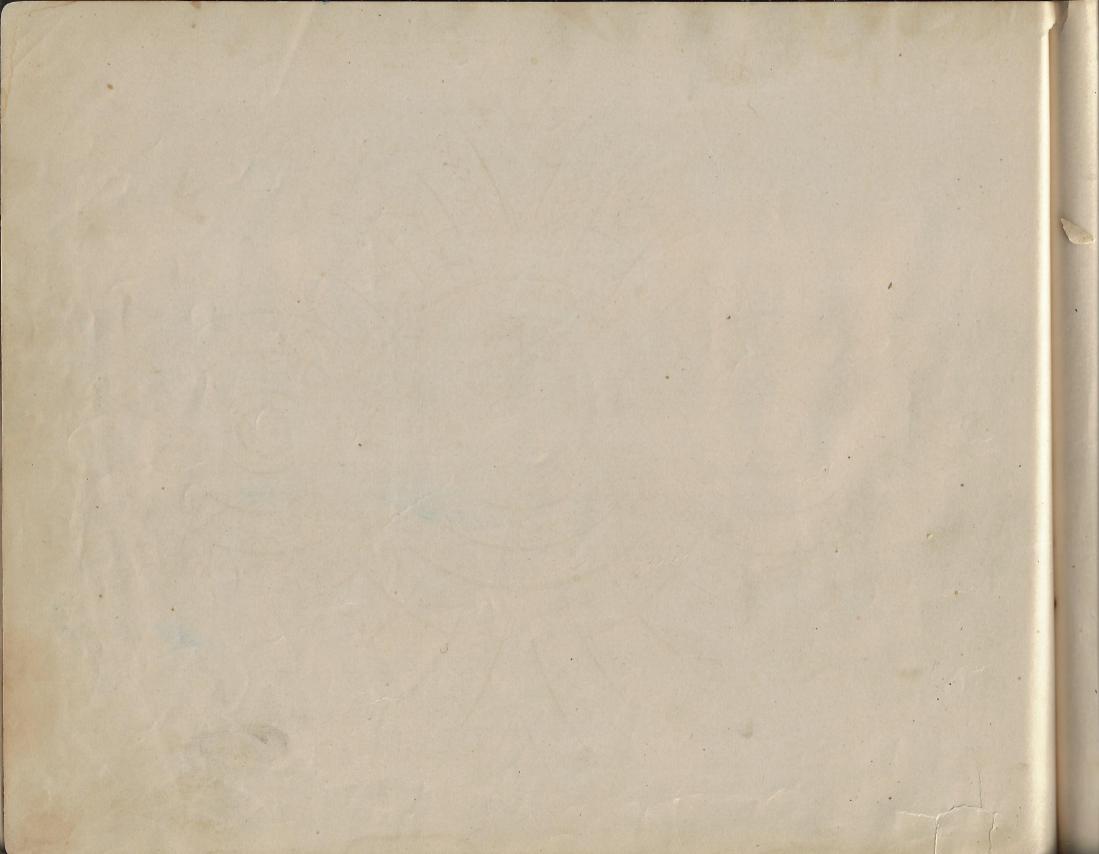


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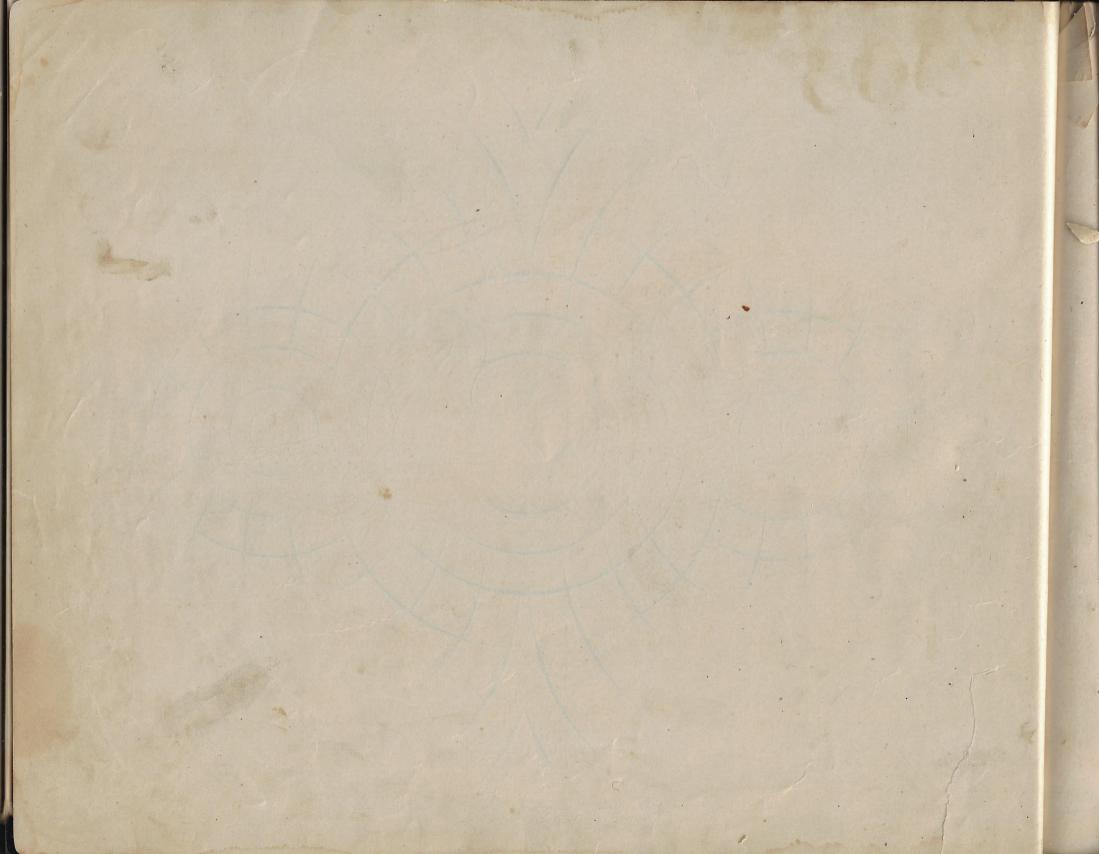
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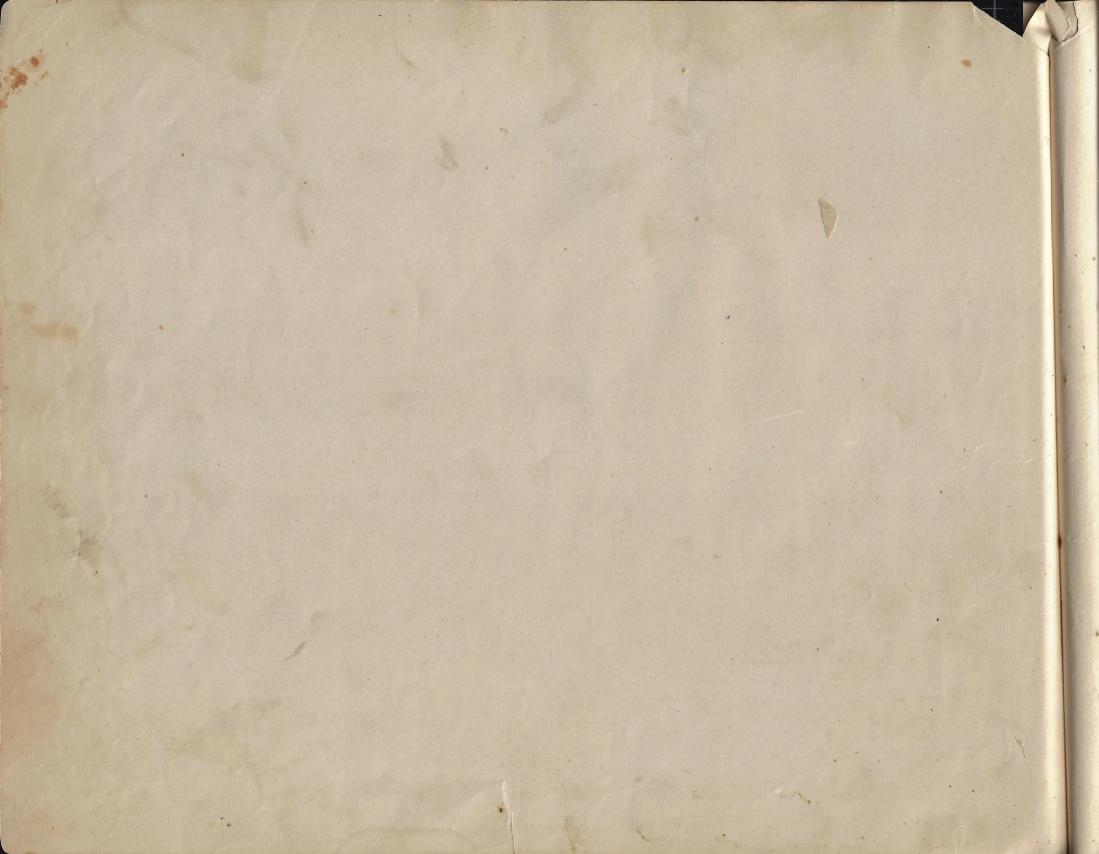






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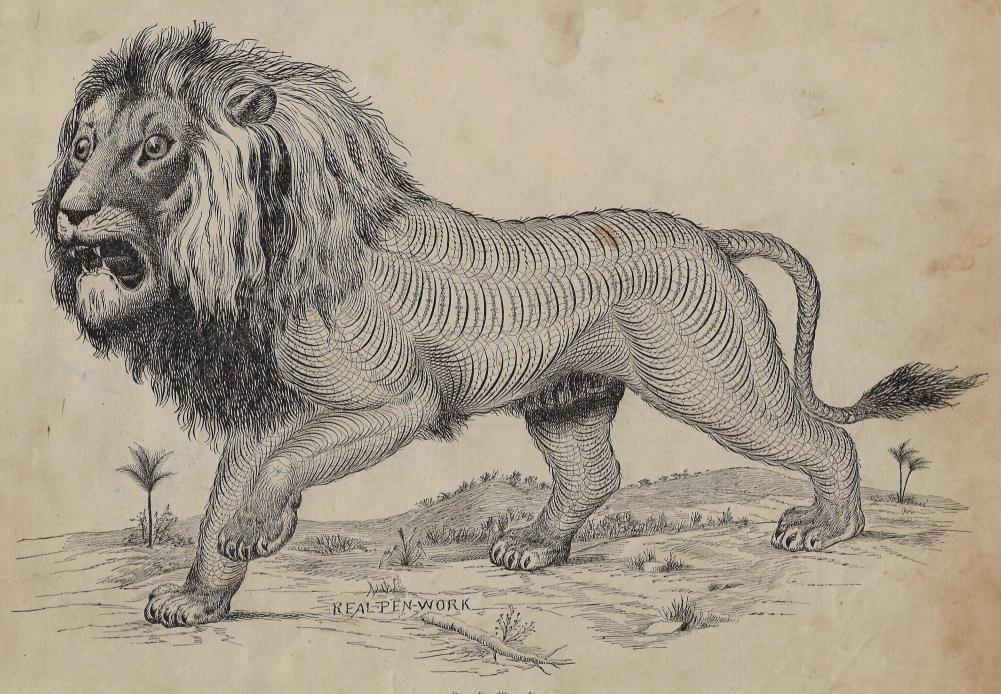
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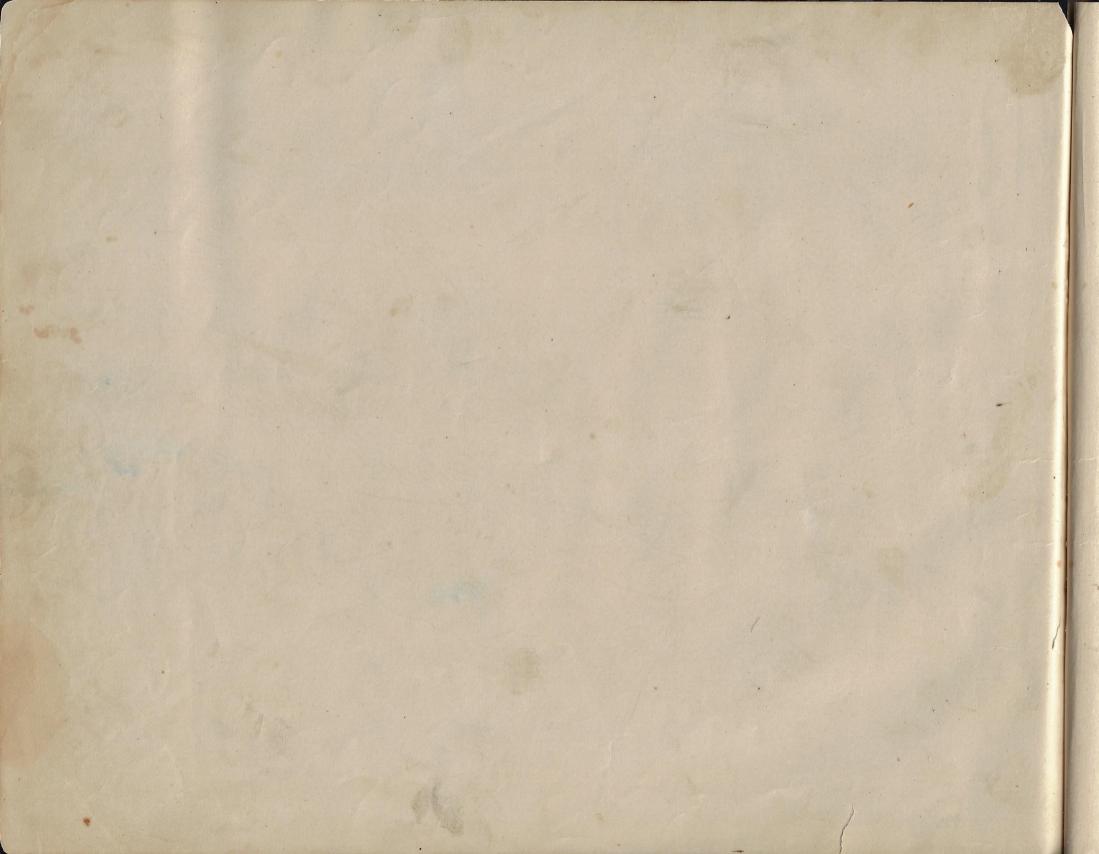


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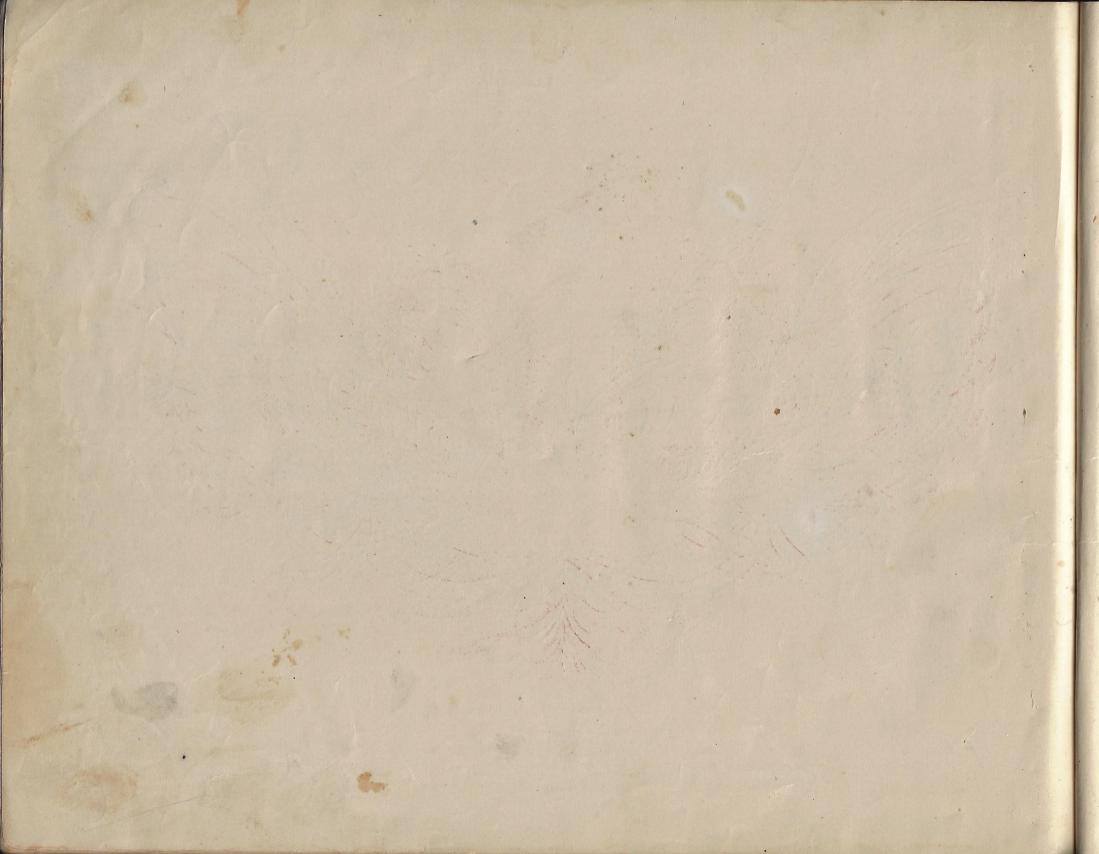
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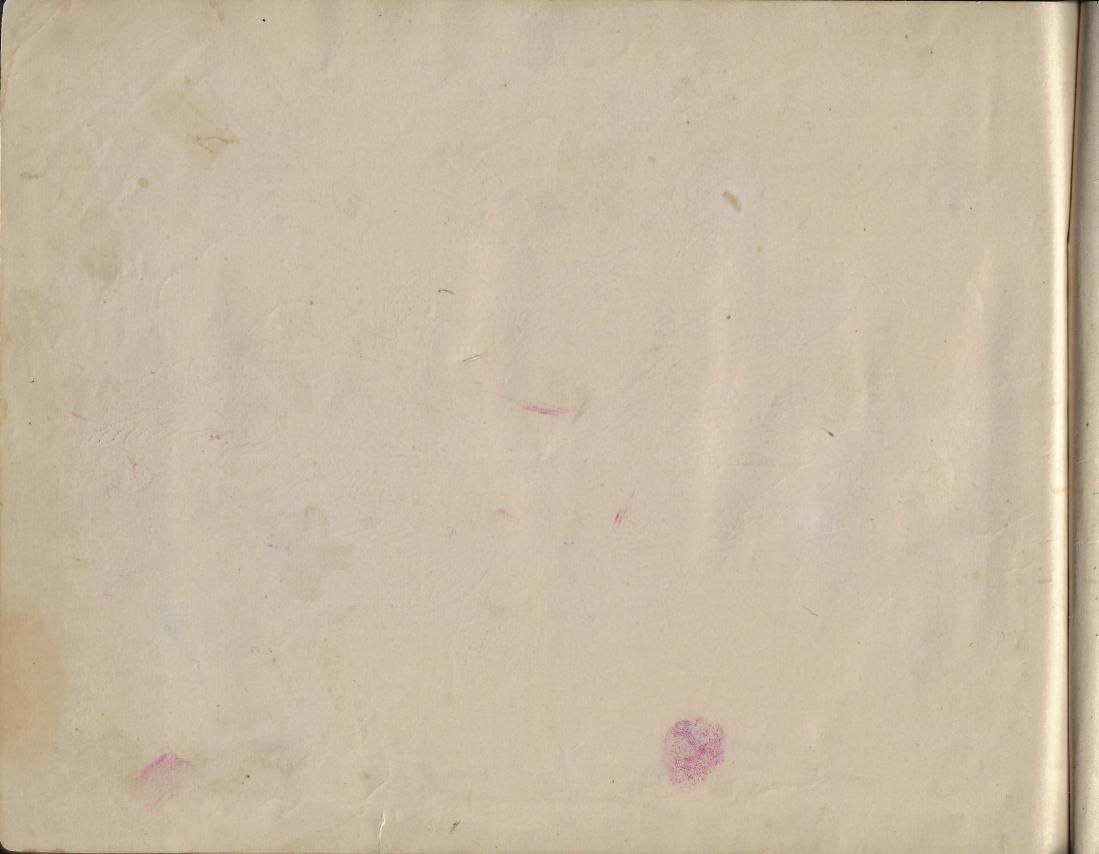




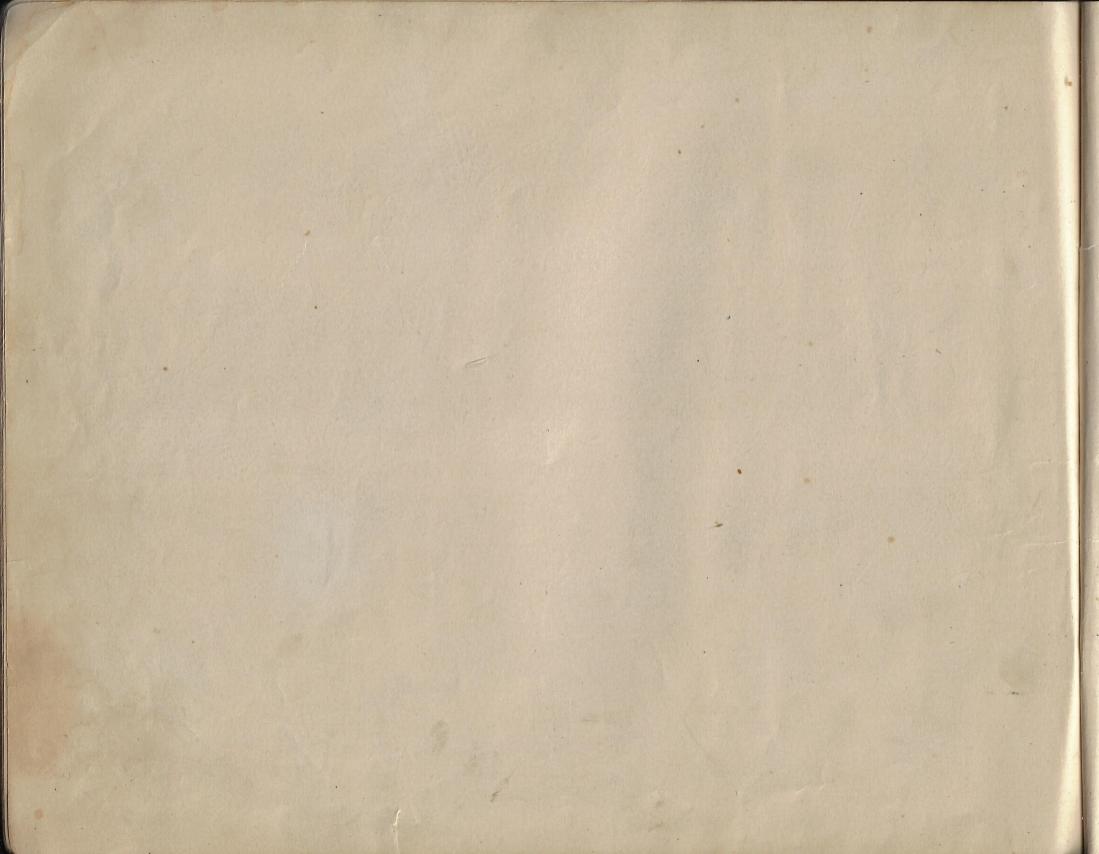




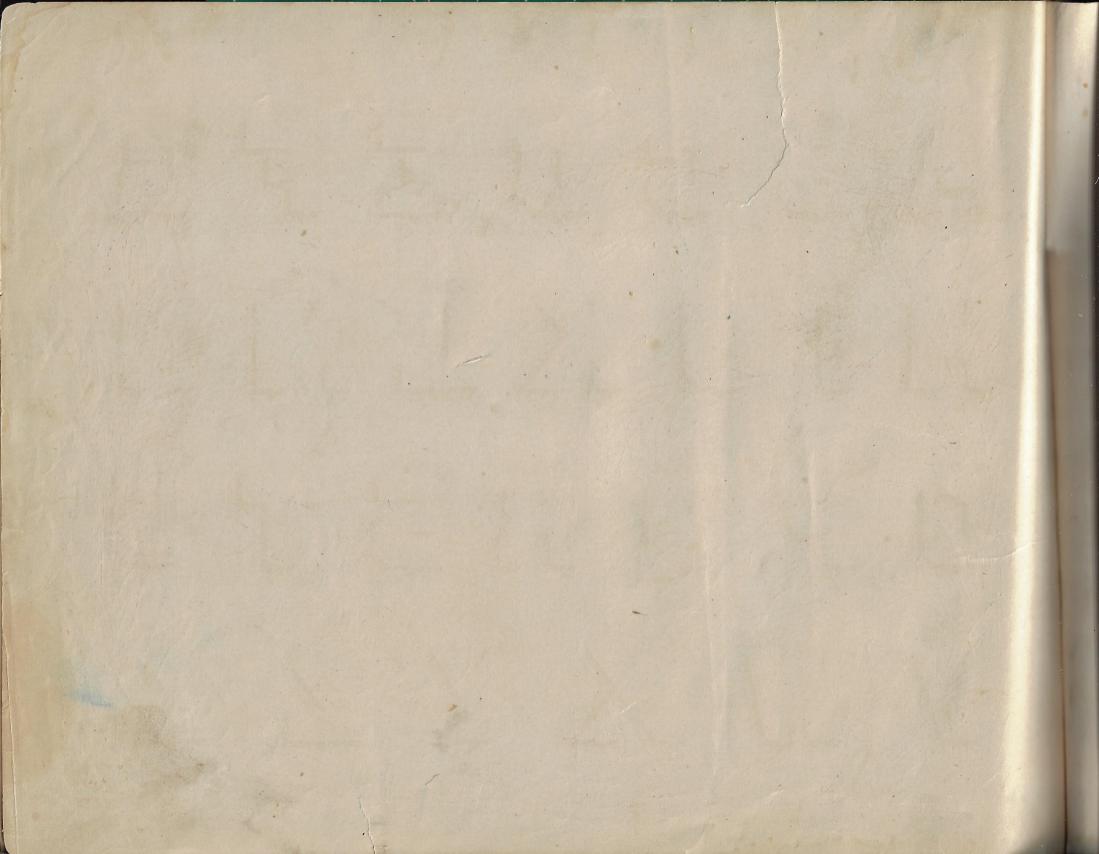
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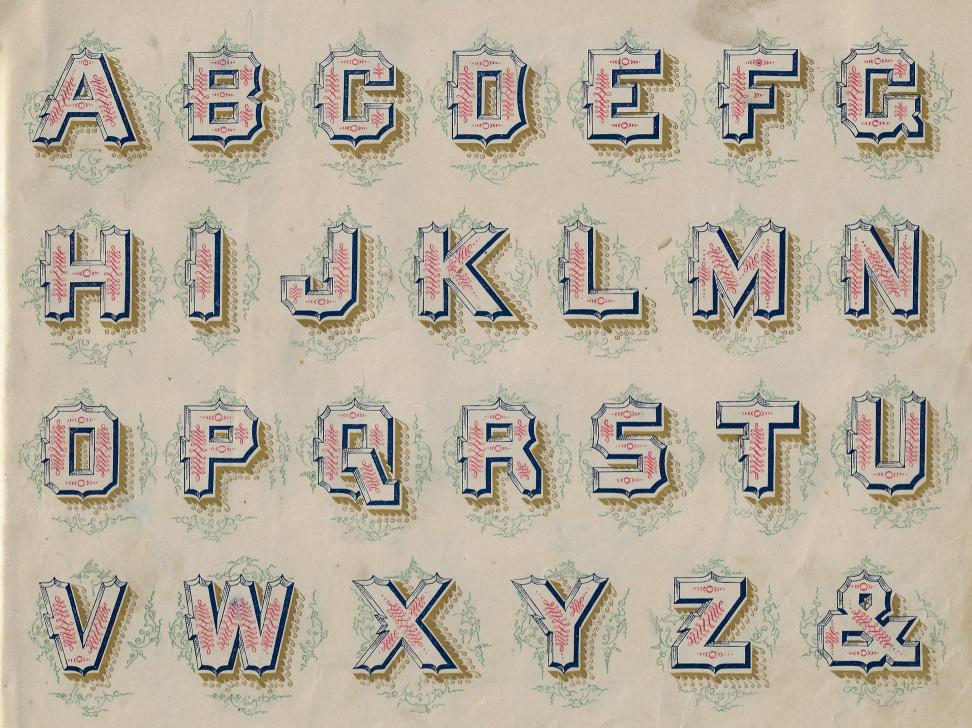




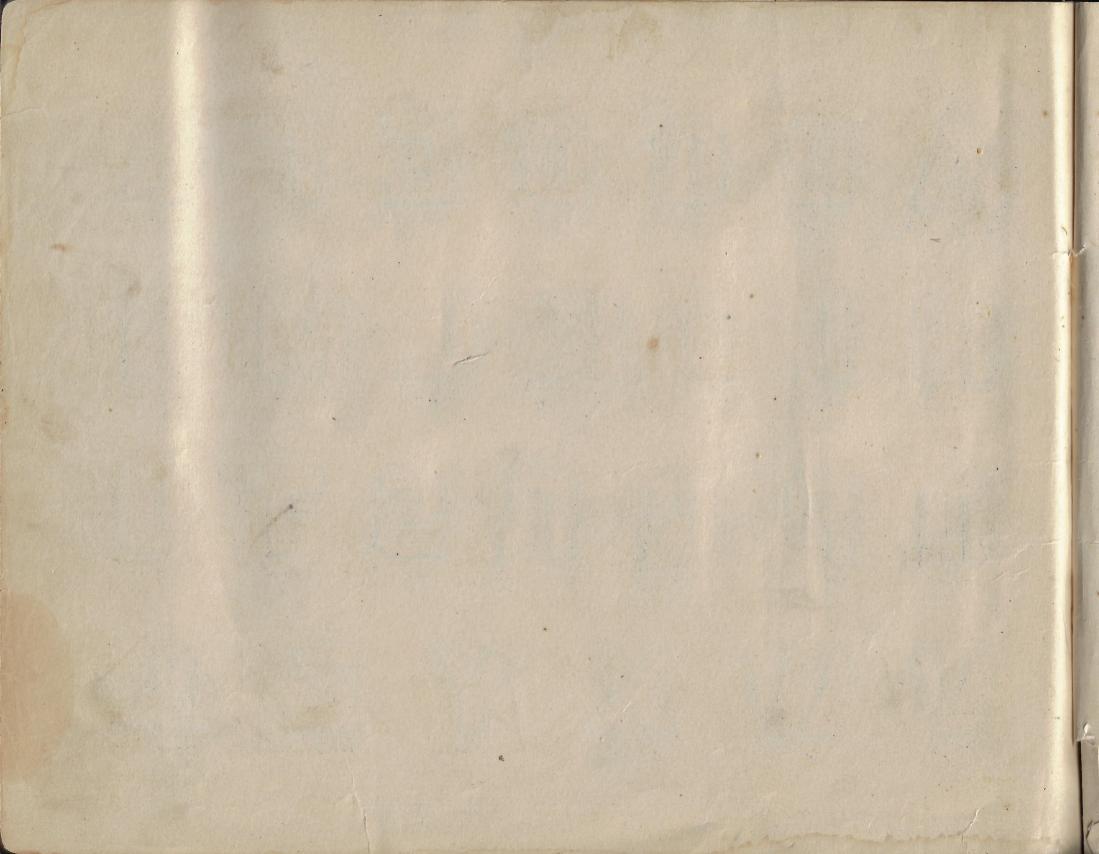


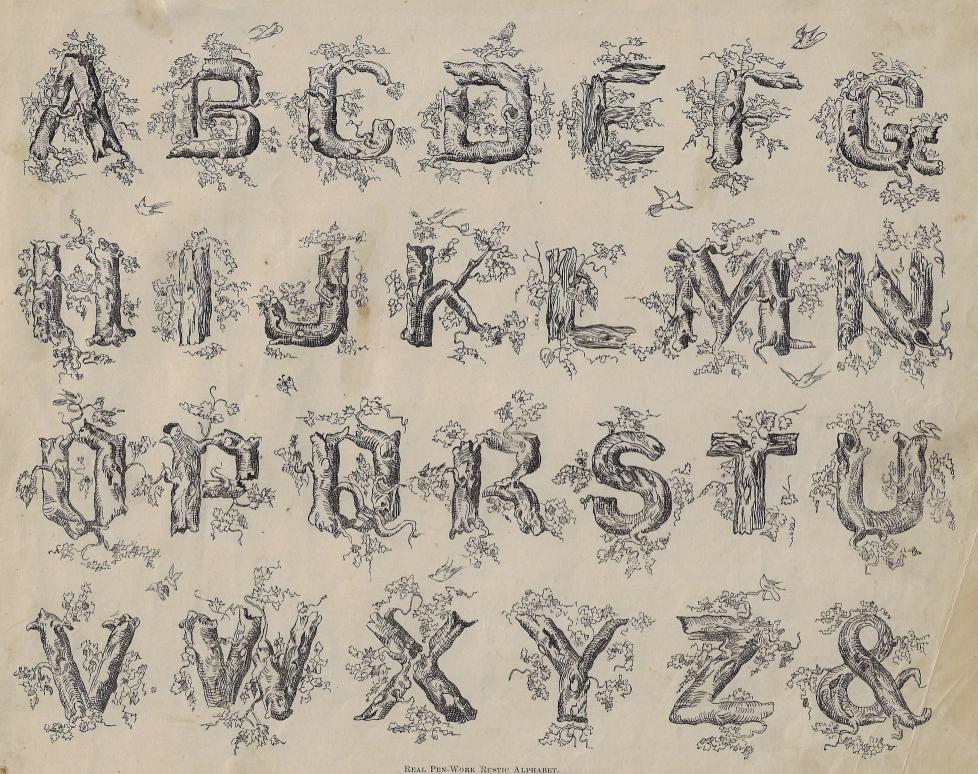






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